

**CITY/COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES
MEETING OF NOVEMBER 1, 2003**

At 8:06 a.m. Vice-Chair Sue Lempert in Conference Room C of San Mateo City Hall, called the meeting to order.

Members Attending: Deborah Gordon, Marc Hershman, Sue Lempert, Lee Panza, Joe Silva, Marland Townsend, Mike King, and Deborah Wilder.

Staff/Guests Attending: Walter Martone (C/CAG Staff - County Public Works), Richard Napier (C/CAG Executive Director), and Brian Moura (City of San Carlos).

1. Public comment on items not on the agenda.

None

REGULAR AGENDA

2. Minutes and summary of the meeting of September 6, 2003.

Motion: To approve the minutes as corrected. Townsend/King, unanimous.

3. Update from C/CAG Lobbyist in Sacramento (via conference call).

Wes Lujan provided a briefing on the latest news from Sacramento.

- The transition to the new Administration has been very chaotic. Much of the problem has been due to the fires in Southern California.
- The new Governor has been attempting to reach out to Democrats.
- The new Governor has a team working on the development of a new budget. We have been told to expect "out of the box thinking."
- The swearing in for the Governor is scheduled for November 17th. It has been planned to be a low-key event due to the fiscal crisis.
- The Governor is expected to call two special sessions of the Legislature to address 1) the car tax, spending cuts, and worker's compensation; and 2) repeal of SB 60 – allowing illegal immigrants to obtain California drivers licenses.
- We are hopeful that C/CAG's bill (AB 1546) will appeal to the new Governor's environmental interests.
- It is anticipated that the new Governor will be a supporter of local determination. This would also bode well for C/CAG's bill.
- One of the Governor's plans for addressing the deficit is anticipated to be a new \$10 to \$12 billion debt bond to be placed on the ballot.
- The fires in Southern California have illustrated the fact that it is critical for the State to ensure that local governments have sufficient revenues for local fire protection.
- Wes was requested to provide the Legislative Committee with a list of vacancies in the new Governor's Administration so that C/CAG might identify local individuals for potential consideration. Senator Burton is already attempting to push the appointment of individuals he is supporting.

- Wes was requested to continue pushing for the passage of ACA 10 and to emphasize the benefits of this bill for the business community.
- Richard Napier noted that Dianne McKenna from Santa Clara County is up for reappointment to the California Transportation Commission. She has been a real asset for the Bay Area and C/CAG should encourage the new Governor to confirm her for another term.

4. Review of Voting Record for San Mateo Legislative Delegation

After reviewing a number of options for tabulating the voting records of the San Mateo County Legislative members, it was decided that two charts should be presented to the C/CAG Board. The first one will show the voting record for all bills that C/CAG has taken a position on in the 2003 Session. The second chart will show the voting record on only those bills that were referred to the C/CAG Lobbyist for action. In both of these charts, the Legislator will have all of his/her votes noted and will receive ½ credit for abstaining from or being absent on votes where C/CAG has taken an “oppose” position, and will lose ½ credit where C/CAG has taken a “support” position. The charts will also be footnoted to show any other special things that a legislator has done to assist/hurt C/CAG’s efforts.

5. Evaluation of C/CAG’s Legislative Advocacy Program.

C/CAG Staff presented a potential format for evaluating the effectiveness of C/CAG’s Legislative Program and the performance of the C/CAG Lobbyist in the last year. After discussion about the positive and negative aspects of the efforts over the last year, it was agreed that:

- The individual Legislative Committee Members should complete the evaluation form and provide it to Staff.
- That the experiment of retaining a Lobbyist should be continued for another year.
- That the following improvements that should be made to next year’s program:
 - Identify a clearly defined program with objectives at the beginning of the Legislative Session.
 - Identify specific priorities to be accomplished for the Session by the Program and the Lobbyist.
 - Limit the activities of C/CAG to areas where we can have the greatest impact.

***Motion: To recommend that the C/CAG Board approve a one-year extension of the agreement with Advocacy at the current price of \$60,000 for the year.
Townsend/Lempert, unanimous.***

6. Schedule for future meetings.

After discussion it was decided that future meetings will be held at 5:00 p.m. on the 2nd Thursday of each month, immediately preceding the regular C/CAG meetings.

7. Adjournment.

At 9:55 a.m. the meeting was adjourned.